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SOIL EROSION IN RAVINES
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has received any suggestions to check the soil erosion in ravines;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the estimated area of agricultural land converted into ravines due to soil erosion by rivers every year;

(d) whether the villages situated on the banks of the Chambal river are also coming under the grip of soil erosion; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken to remedy the situation?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) As estimated by the National Remote Sensing Agency (NRSA) in 2003, about 16, 469 ha of more land is engulfed by existing ravines every year.

(d) & (e) The villages situated within about 2 km range of Chambal river or its tributaries are under the grip of gully erosion. The Research Centre of Central Soil and Water Conservation Research and Training Institute (CSWCR&TI) located at Kota (Rajasthan), has developed technology packages for reclamation of Chambal ravines. With the application of this technology, about 3 lakh ha of Chambal ravine in M. P and about 1.4 lakh ha in Rajathan have been restored under various watershed/wastelands development programmes.